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Land gift to schools

* 2534 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the extent of land so far received as gift to schools in the State in pursuance of the Government's appeal?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : 8,660 acres and 46 cents.

DR. K. B. MENON : Are these gifts earmarked for any special class of schools or for any special purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is all for school purposes. The lands will be transferred to the Government by obtaining gift deeds from the donors. The lands so transferred to the Government will be classified as Government poramboke and they will be placed at the disposal of the managements of the schools concerned. The Board's Standing Orders will apply to them. Details are being worked out.

Road culverts.

* 2535 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to reconstruct the culverts on the road from district limit to Kanhangad *via* Cheruvathur in South Kanara? 12-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The detailed estimate for reconstruction of culverts on the road, which forms part of the West Coast Road, is under preparation and the work will be taken up for execution after obtaining the technical approval and financial sanction of the Government of India to the estimate.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know the number of culverts on this road that require reconstruction?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information as to the number of culverts. The amount provided for reconstruction is Rs. 18,000.

Scholarships to Harijans in Malabar

* 2536 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for the grant of scholarships to Harijans in Malabar district for the year 1953–54;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Malabar District Harijan Sevak Samaj for the enhancement of the amount;

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?